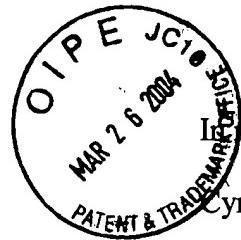


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DEHYDROEPIANDROSTERONE-
SULFATE WITH A CHROMONE FOR
TREATMENT OF ASTHMA OR
CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE
PULMONARY DISEASE

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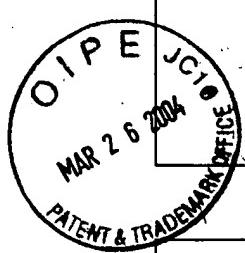

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